

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

We are pleased to present the 2005-2006 edition of the *Kentucky Agricultural Statistics*. This publication represents a cooperative effort between USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kentucky Field Office, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and contains current statistics for Kentucky's agricultural industry. The National Agricultural Statistics Service has been providing vital information to producers and agri-businesses for over 140 years, and this commitment has been based on the belief that agriculture plays a very crucial role to the nation and also to Kentucky.

The voluntary cooperation of thousands of farmers and agri-businesses, and the dedicated efforts of the Kentucky Field Office staff in compiling the collected data, are essential for us to maintain reliable facts regarding the changing face of Kentucky agriculture. These statistics are an important part of evaluating the success of the Commonwealth's efforts to diversify from tobacco.

Special thanks also goes to the dedicated staff of field and telephone enumerators who have spent many hours collecting data. These enumerators are our goodwill ambassadors to Kentucky's agricultural community.

This book is only one of many ways to receive statistical reports on Kentucky agriculture. Please visit our website at www.nass.usda.gov/ky and view all our reports there. Reports can be delivered free to your e-mail address, or hardcopy reports are available for a small fee.

Please contact us anytime with your questions, comments and requests for information. The staff of the Kentucky Field Office is dedicated to serving the agricultural data needs of all users.

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